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Applicant: TianLang Chen, et al.

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Group Art Unit: TBD

Filed: October 15, 2003

Examiner: TBD

Title: A Method of Producing Chlorine Dioxide which Employs Alkaline Chlorate in a Mineral Acid Medium and Urea as a Reducing Agent

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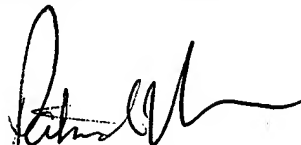
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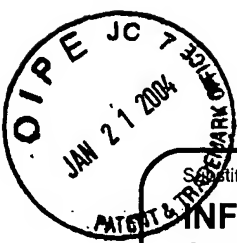
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Respectfully submitted,

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